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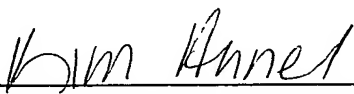
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application Of: ) A DISTRIBUTED STEREO SYSTEM  
)  
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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

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Sir:

In response to the final Office action mailed February 6, 2003, applicant requests reconsideration and allowance.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-19 are pending in the application, are rejected, and are at issue.

Applicant notes the finality of the action. Nevertheless, applicant submits that the examiner is improperly construing the teachings of the references and therefore is relying on an improper combination of the references relative to the claimed invention.

Applicant traverses the rejection of claims 1-19 as obvious over "Multi-room Hi-Fi Takes Control of the Home" by Lloyd in view "The Facts About FireWire" by Wickelgren.

Independent claim 1 specifies a distributed stereo audio system including two or more speakers for the broadcast of stereo audio signals, a source of stereo audio signals, a stereo amplifier